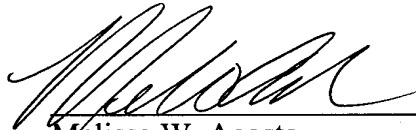


REMARKS

Claims 1-18 were filed in the original application. Claims 1-18 have been canceled and claims 19-42 have been added to this application. The claims have been amended for the sake of clarity. Therefore, these amendments do not narrow the scope of the claims within the meaning of *Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kinzoku Kogyo Kabushiki Co., Ltd.*, 234 F.3d 558, 586, 56 USPQ2d 1865, 1886 (Fed. Cir. 2000). No new matter has been added by these amendments. Thus, entry of these amendments prior to examination is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions, please contact the undersigned below.

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